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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AFRICA.

#### *Report from Cape Colony—Examination for plague-infected rodents.*

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
*Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, October 3, 1905.*

The following report by the medical officer of health for the colony on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended September 30, 1905, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,  
*Under Colonial Secretary.*

*Port Elizabeth.*—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital no cases were under treatment. Two hundred and ninety-two rats (10 found dead) and 198 mice (23 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 3 mice proved to be plague-infected.

*Uitenhage.*—Five rats and 4 mice were bacteriologically examined during the week without any signs of plague infection being discovered. The last case of plague in man having occurred on March 10, 1904, and the last plague-infected animal having been discovered on July 8 last, no further bulletins will be issued regarding this town.

*East London.*—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital no cases were under treatment. Forty-two rats (2 found dead) and 19 mice (3 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, without any plague infection being discovered.

*King Williams Town.*—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Forty-seven rats (1 found dead) and 43 mice (33 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, without any plague infection being discovered.

*Other districts of the colony.*—No plague infection was discovered, either in man or animals. Three hundred and ninety-six rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town harbor board area and the shipping in the harbor and 9 from Claremont municipality; also 514 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

A. JOHN GREGORY,  
*Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.*

### AUSTRALIA.

#### *Reports from Brisbane—Plague bulletins—Plague in Queensland.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,  
*Brisbane, September 23, 1905.*

Plague Bulletin No. 30, for week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, September 23, 1905.

#### TOWNSVILLE.

No further cases of plague have occurred at Townsville, and no plague-infected rats have been found there since those which were reported in Bulletin No. 28, August 12, 1905.

## CAIRNS.

Last case of plague discharged from hospital August 31, last, and the institution closed.

No plague-infected rats found there since the 3 which were reported in Bulletin No. 26, July 15, last.

By order:

EDWIN A. BLACKBORO, *Secretary*.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,  
*Brisbane, September 30, 1905.*

Plague bulletin, No. 31, for the week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, September 30, 1905.

The following are the particulars of the cases of plague and of suspicious cases of that disease reported from Townsville during the present month:

H. P. O., male, aged 23 years, a store man in a produce store, was reported as a "suspect" September 10. The diagnosis of plague was confirmed after bacterioscopic and inoculation examination. The patient died September 12. After death it was found that rats had been dying at his place of business.

W. C., male, aged 27 years, employed as a bookkeeper at a butcher's shop, was reported as "suspect" September 12. The diagnosis of plague was confirmed after bacterioscopic examination. The patient died September 14.

T. B., male, aged 40 years, a butcher working at the same shop as W. C., was reported as "suspect" September 14. The diagnosis of plague was confirmed after bacterioscopic examination. The patient died September 20.

Two cases, one a woman who had nursed one of the fatal cases and the other a man living at Ross Island and having an office near the butcher's shop referred to, were reported as "suspects" September 14 and 16, respectively. The diagnosis of plague was not confirmed after bacterioscopic and inoculation examination.

All precautions were observed during the treatment of the patients until the diagnosis was clear.

By order:

EDWIN A. BLACKBORO, *Secretary*.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,  
*Brisbane, October 7, 1905.*

Plague bulletin, No. 32, for the week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, October 7, 1905.

## TOWNSVILLE.

Last case of plague, September 14, 1905.

Last infected rat, August 19, 1905.

No cases of plague are now under treatment at Townsville.

By order:

EDWIN A. BLACKBORO, *Secretary*.